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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Removal of Top Secret Classification Authority

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your action in paragraph 4.

2. The Director of Communications requested an increase in the original number of his Top Secret classifying officials on 26 July 1972. This increase was considered necessary to provide exemption authority for overseas communications officers dealing with cryptographic matters. Subsequent to the approval of that request, it was determined, in conjunction with the Staff Assistant to the Interagency Classification Review Committee, that this specific exemption authority could be delegated by the Director of Communications using his Top Secret Classifying Authority. This delegation was accomplished by an internal Office of Communications Notice.


3. At the time this Notice was issued, a complete review was made by the Office of Communications of its Top Secret Classifying Authority. As a result of this review, the Director of Communications determined that the positions noted on the attachment no longer require Top Secret Classifying Authority. The Top Secret Classifying Authority originally derived from the Director of Central Intelligence. The Office of General Counsel has advised that technically only the Director of Central Intelligence can delete that Top Secret Classification Authority.

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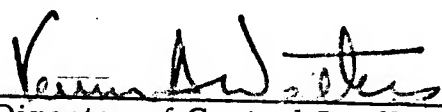
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4. It is recommended that you authorize the removal of Top Secret Classifying Authority from the positions named in the attachment. This office will advise the Director of Communications of the formal removal of this authority and will maintain the necessary records.


W. E. Colby
Executive Director-Comptroller

Attachment

The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 is approved:

Acting 
Director of Central Intelligence

16 FEB 1973
(Date)

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